

Chairman Towns discussed Potty Parity on [Federal News Radio's "The Daily Debrief"](#) .

From [Federal News Radio](#) :

We've all been there -- you go to the bathroom and there is NO line for the men's room, but there is a line of women's room.

Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY) is the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Earlier this week, the committee held a hearing on the Restroom Gender Parity in Federal Buildings Act (HR 4869).

The Congressman explains what the bill is all about, and why he thinks it's needed.

ABC News also [recapped the hearing](#) :

Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., and other lawmakers want the government to require all newly constructed or leased federal buildings to have equal restroom facilities for women and men.

The so-called "Potty Parity" bill would end what they call the "unfathomable" [discrimination](#) women face by the infrastructure disparities in their workplaces..

Towns, who chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, says as [gender parity](#) continues to gain importance in society, solving the problem must begin with addressing "insufficient facilities for women in public buildings."

"It is so easy to make light of this effort and mock those advancing the cause," former Washington, D.C., Mayor Sharon Pratt said. "I can speak from personal observation and experience & that the disparity in restrooms is glaring, inconvenient, enormously insufficient and downright unfair."

The Oversight Committee [held a hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2010](#) to examine the merits of H.R. 4869, the "Restroom Gender Parity in Federal Buildings Act."